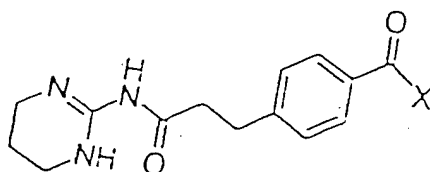


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled)

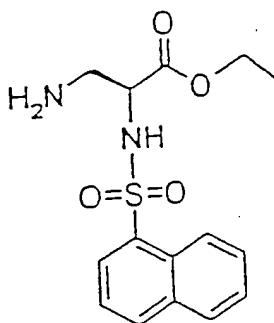
Claim 3 (previously presented)

A process for the preparation of ethyl (2S)-2-(naphthalene-1-sulfonylamino)-3-(4-(2-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoylamino) propionate or a salt thereof, comprising reacting 4-(2-(1,4,5,6- tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)ethyl)benzoic acid or a derivative of the formula



II

wherein X is hydroxy or a leaving group, with ethyl (2S)-3-amino-2-(naphthalene-1-sulfonylamino)propionate of the formula



III

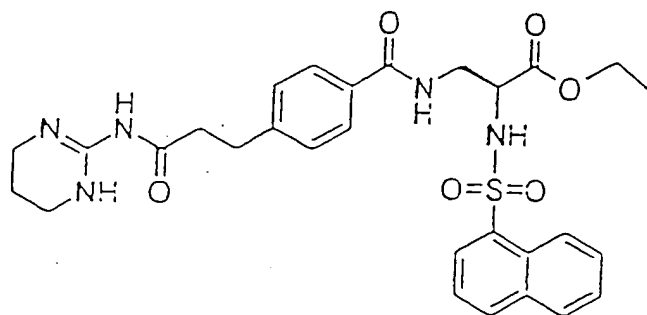
or a an acid addition salt or salts of any one or ~~broth~~ both of the said compounds.

Claim 4 (previously presented)

The process of claim 3 wherein X is chlorine.

Claim 5 (previously presented)

The process of claim 3 wherein the reaction product of the compounds of the formulae II and III is reacted with an acid to form the acid addition salt of the compound of the formula



IV,

Claims 6 to 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)